

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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TO: All County Welfare Directors,
Fiscal Officers, Administrative Officers,
Medi-Cal Liaison, MEDS Coordinators

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MEDI-CAL ELIGIBILITY DATA SYSTEM (MEDS) DD&I COSTS

This is to advise you of the process for reimbursing county costs for MEDS design, development & implementation (DD&I) work. As these MEDS costs are eligible for enhanced Federal Financial Participation (FFP) and as there is a separate item in the State budget for counties' MEDS DD&I costs, it is necessary for the counties to identify all MEDS DD&I costs separately on their claim (please note that ongoing MEDS operations costs will continue to be reimbursed through the county administrative expense allocation process).

Before a county can be reimbursed for MEDS DD&I costs, an account number and approved amount must be established through the State Department of Social Services, County EDP Bureau. Such approval is initiated by the MEDS Project based on counties' approved MEDS Implementation Plans and related information. If you have not received a letter from the County EDP Bureau on this subject, please contact the MEDS Project at (916) 322-7601. The MEDS Project will follow up on your inquiry.

1982-83 MEDS DD&I Allocation

MEDS DD&I costs are not being included in your 1982-83 Medi-Cal Allocation. Accordingly, all approved funding for costs incurred for MEDS DD&I will be reimbursed above and beyond those funds provided in your Medi-Cal Allocation.

The total MEDS DD&I costs claimed, regardless of fiscal year, may not exceed the total amount approved by the County EDP Bureau.

Reimbursement for MEDS DD&I Costs

Since the workload for implementing MEDS is not constant over time, the monies for these costs will not be advanced to you each month. Rather, you will be reimbursed quarterly in arrears for those costs

that are identified by a specified account number on your claim as being MEDS DD&I. Please claim MEDS DD&I costs in accordance with the instructions outlined in your approval letter from the County EDP Bureau.

If you have any questions related to MEDS or to the amount approved for MEDS DD&I for your county, please call the MEDS Project on (916) 322-7601. If you have any questions related to the procedures for claiming MEDS DD&I costs, please contact the Department of Social Services, Fiscal Policy and Procedures Bureau on (916) 445-7046.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,

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